



IRON HORSE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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Some things that happened at the October 15th Meeting

Officer Zinn was unable to attend the meeting, so there was no crime report. There was, however, still crime. Andrea's car was broken into. It probably happened early in the morning. They stole her ipod and her gearshift knob, which I believe is the second gearshift knob to be stolen from Andrea's car.

Also someone else had the license plate stolen from their car. They reported it and got a new one.

Rick met some people parked near the garden. They said someone had tried to break into their truck, failed and damaged the locks.

It seems to be a bad time for cars and trucks in our neighborhood.

It was also observed that many break-ins do seem to happen on 10th, probably because it is darker there.

Jeff mentioned that maybe we could have TPD bike patrols. There are some now, but more would be better.

Rick reported from the CCRC, the Campus Community Relations Committee. If anyone has concerns about the University of Arizona it is a good idea to tell Rick. He'll pass it along to the committee. October 22nd there will be a concert on Sorority Row which is near Vine and Mountain. We probably won't hear the noise where we are, but the CCRC is letting everyone know. It will be country music bands. The names of the bands were not disclosed. Homecoming is happening and a walk for breast cancer.

Also, when there are big events, Rick is given a special number to call and report any problems during the event, so again....for any University problems, Rick is a good person to call. You can reach him at 349-4511.

A resident pointed out that in regards to the height of the new dormitories, we were assured that this would be limited and then the University changed it at the last minute anyway, so how much can we really trust the University about these kinds of things?

Rick said that Dr. Shelton, President of the UofA, does take these things seriously and had apologized for the mishap. To stay on schedule some changes had to be made quickly.

A resident asked that if the UofA were to buy the Crescent Electric block, how responsive would they be to the neighborhood?

Rick felt that they would still be pretty responsive and that if the University did purchase that lot it would likely be for warehouse use.

There was a Treasurer's report. The maintenance fund is very low. If you have some extra money and you like clean streets, now would be a great time to donate to the maintenance fund. The money gets used to clean up 9th Street, which gets very dirty very quickly. Any money that is privately contributed to the maintenance fund is matched by the neighborhood association. There has also been talk of allocating this year's street fair tips to the fund. It was also suggested that we put an appeal on the listserv for contributions to the fund and approach some of the large businesses on 9th Street.

There was nothing to report from Downtown Links.

The Street Fair is Dec 11th, 12th and 13th. If you have not yet signed up for a beer booth shift, please consider doing so. This is how the neighborhood makes all it's money for pizzas and parties and gardens. The more people who show up to work the booth, the shorter everyone's shifts can be! If you would like to volunteer, please call Chuck at 670-9022

A resident (me) asked if we can sell IHNA beer koozies at the booth because the aluminum bottles are cold. Chuck will check into that.

A resident asked if we could have a big tub of ice to keep the cold beer in, because every time we open the cooler door, the beers get just a little bit warmer. Chuck will also check into that.

There was a suggestion that we spilt up booth labor so that one person checks id's and gives bracelets while another person gets money and beer. This might make booth work go faster. Chuck mentioned that there will be a beer booth meeting once all the volunteers have signed up.

There are some garden issues. The old garden was on Mike Treeful's lot which we left big holes in. Mike would like to have the holes filled in and we would like to do that. A few people offered dirt, but we would have to figure out how to move the dirt and this seems like the difficult part. We could possibly rent equipment for approximately \$200 or ask if the city has resources to move the dirt for us.

A motion was made to approve a \$300 budget for restoring the lot back to the way it was if no other resources are available prior to December 1st. The motion was seconded and passed with no objections. (Update: The holes have since been filled in at the lot, although I don't know who did this or how it was done, but Mike says "Thanks".)

The garden committee meets one hour before the regular neighborhood meeting so if you are interested in becoming a part of the garden, please come to one of the meetings. There are approximately six garden plots still available. Rick is trying develop a solar powered irrigation system for the garden, so if anyone has any expertise with that sort of thing, I'm sure the garden committee would appreciate the help.

The Coronado Hotel is for sale and everybody is going to have to leave when their leases run up. This is sad. Jeff is working with some of the residents to try to find them new homes, so if you know of anything close by and affordable please contact Jeff. The Coronado Hotel is jointly owned by several partners who are not interested in continuing it's operation. The building is very expensive to maintain and has a lot of deferred maintenance. It is for sale for \$670,000. It could potentially become a hotel, rental apartments or retail space or something else entirely.

The building is on the historic register of places and as a historic property there are limitations on what can be done. The building cannot be torn down and the facade has to remain the same.

We are still trying to get the names of more Iron Horse businesses for a business coalition. If you know of one, please call Erika at 591-9556.

Old Pueblo Trolley is looking for donations from Downtown neighborhoods. They are not presently under the RTA budget. They need an additional streetcar which will probably be around \$80,000. They are also looking for volunteer drivers. You need a CDL to be a volunteer driver and Old Pueblo will help you get that if you are interested.

UofA MortarBoard is an association of Greek students that would like to do projects to help our neighborhood, such as yard work, maintenance, etc. They will be leaving information on people's doors.

Meeting was adjourned.

What do YOU do?

If you run a business in the Iron Horse neighborhood, a store, an artists collective, a knitting cooperative, ANYTHING, we want to hear from you. The IHNA would like to reach out to local business owners in the interest of forming an Iron Horse Business Coalition. One of the great things about our neighborhood is our the mixed use of business and residential spaces.

We're interested not just in those business that operate within the neighborhood, but also business run by Iron Horse residents. Are you a lawyer, a book-binder, a caterer, an artists for hire, a personal trainer, a yard worker, a realtor, a goat herder, a cake baker? We want to hear from you too. In these challenging economic times, one of the best things we can do as a community is try to help each other.

Please email erikamitnik@msn.com with the name of your business or service and the best way to contact you or leave a message at 591-9556.

The goal will be to explore the ways that residents and business owners can help one another. We will be starting an outreach program soon and would like to include as many people as possible.

Upcoming Events:

[4th Avenue GABA Bicycle Swap Meet](#)

4th Ave. between 6th St and 9th St Saturday November 14th

Come on down to 4th Avenue and support the "Official" Un-Official El Tour de Tucson Swap Meet and green transportation enthusiasts. Everything about or for bikes; clothing, gear, parts, and people!

Tucson Museum of Art Holiday Craft Market

November 20, 2009 - November 22, 2009 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

More than 120 artists will be offering their unique work in jewelry, ceramics, watercolors, metal work and much more. Live music courtesy of the Tucson Kitchen Musicians and the Beer Garden in the courtyard of La Casa Cordova on Saturday and Sunday.

The 15th annual Downtown Parade of Lights

Saturday, December 12, at 6pm. For more information, please call 520.837-6504

[4th Avenue Winter Street Fair](#)

4th Avenue between University Blvd. and 9th Street December 11th, 12th and 13th.





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Iron Horse Neighborhood

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HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED YET FOR THE STREET FAIR? THE IHNA NEEDS YOUR HELP TO RUN OUR BEER BOOTH.

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Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Iron Horse Neighborhood Meetings are held the **third Thursday of each month**. Meetings are held at the Tucson High cafeteria at 6:30 PM, but in the summer months the location may change. For those interested in the community garden, Garden Meetings will be held right before each neighborhood meeting from 5:30—6:30 PM.

Next meetings are:
November 19th
No December Meeting

ANY residents , business owners or property owners within the neighborhood are welcome to attend. There is **no cost to belong** to the neighborhood association and there is **FREE PIZZA** served at all our meetings.

Email us at ihna@yahoogroups.com to let us know what you want on your pizza at the next meeting.